Dear Representative William Lippert,

I am writing to you to show my support for H. 690. I am a family physician practicing in Montpelier for the past 8 years. During this time I have incorporated acupuncture as a complementary treatment modality for my patients. As a physician, I attended a training course that was designed specifically for physicians interested in obtaining competency in the use of acupuncture as a complement to allopathic medicine. These courses are offered all over the country. The one that I attended was through the Academy of Pain Research, UC Davis, and was a 300+ hour comprehensive course with an examination. I believe that through collaboration between practitioners of different types of medicine that we can provide the citizens of Vermont with superior medical care. I have worked closely with Licensed Acupuncturists within my community to foster this collaborative spirit and hope that this bill will support our continued efforts to provide Vermonters with high quality Integrative medical care. I am happy to support you in any way I can, so please let me know if I can answer any questions or be of further help.

Sincerely, Jeremiah M. Eckhaus, M.D.,A.B.H.M Medical Director Montpelier Integrative Family Health Central Vermont Medical Center 156 Main St. Montpelier VT, 05602

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